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In re application of

Migaku TAKAHASHI et al.

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MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 31, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 10 as follows:

--10. (twice amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein a lattice misfit of said metal underlayer and said ferromagnetic metal layer, as determined by an equation $(y-x) / (x/2 + y/2) \cdot 100(\%)$, in which x represents a length obtained by multiplying by $\sqrt{2}$ a lattice constant of said metal underlayer and y represents a c axis length of a crystal lattice of said ferromagnetic metal layer, is a value from 0.5% to 2.5%.--

Cancel claims 14-16 and 18.